

EXPOSITION OR NO?

WHAT PRESIDENT STARKIE IS DOING TO FURTHER THE ENTERPRISE.

He is hard at work on it, and sees no reason why it should not be a great success.

What are you doing in the exposition work? It was a plumb question put to Mr. Starkie last night.

We are waiting, said he, for the meeting of the life-members on the 7th of March. At that time we will be decided whether the life-members will subscribe to the new organization, &c.

We have about done all that can be done until we know the will of these members in the matter.

What legislation do you yet need? What have you all the legislation we have asked for at the hands of the General Assembly, and all that is required. We have now to secure the consent of the City Council as to the conversion of the debt due to the city. We anticipate no difficulty here, as the many assurances from members of the Council indicate that they will be quick to do anything reasonable which promises so much good to the city.

THE LIFE-MEMBERS.

What do you think will be the decision of the life-members? I can't say, of course. I have received perhaps 200 proxies placing the power to act in the hands of gentlemen in this city. I have reason to believe that a great many more have been sent in that have not been reported. With many of those I have myself received letters, and all bidding me go on with the work by all means, and praying that Richmond will show herself more than equal to the project.

Will the business-men of Richmond help you?

Well, I have got to have some substantial pledges that they will, and with their whole strength, or I shall not attempt the exposition. After all the labor of mind and body I have expended figuring out the scheme, securing the money, discussing the matter, and travelling, I can hardly think that my fellow-citizens would expect me to keep right on unaided. I should have to neglect my private business far beyond anything that I could afford if I were to do it. I have, therefore, the whole responsibility. What they do to towards taking the stock by which to raise the necessary capital remains to be seen, and when all that is desired in this line has all I expect to delegate to the hands of different departments made up of our citizens, and must have each one of these to feel that as much responsibility rests upon him as upon me. Unless I can get men to come forward and take hold in this manner we had as well drop the matter where it is. My purpose is to call a meeting of our citizens the day after the meeting of the life-members and then and hear what they have to say. I want the largest meeting of our business-citizens ever seen and I desire to hear them speak out as they have never done before.

SOUTHERN EXPOSITIONS.

What did you learn, Mr. Starkie, by your trip South?

First, I learned how much value Atlanta and the people of Georgia place upon the expositions they have held, and how far exceeded anything that I had expected. This is shown to some extent in the fact that this year they have an exposition in Atlanta, another in Augusta, and a grand State fair in Macon. While in Macon a committee of merchants from Augusta came over to call a meeting of our citizens the day after the meeting of the life-members and then and hear what they have to say. I want the largest meeting of our business-citizens ever seen and I desire to hear them speak out as they have never done before.

THE ELEMENT OF TIME.

Do you think that there is enough time between now and next fall to get it up?

Atlanta was ready for her exhibition 100 days after the first pick was struck in, and she had an enormous quantity of excavating to do, the like of which we will not have. Jacksonville, which is not far from Atlanta, had to do the same thing in the same time and was successful.

I am more impressed with the great road that must accrue if we can get exhibitions of this kind. The most attractive machinery which are used today in the manufacture of many of the staple articles which could be made at the smallest and of outlay in our rural districts. Here is the great starting point for us. We want more and more of this kind of machinery which are used today in the manufacture of many of the staple articles which could be made at the smallest and of outlay in our rural districts.

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The death of the Hon. William Wilson.

The school trustees of Varina and one woman had been very partially rewarded. President Cleveland was seen through the window walking in his mouth, and an unlighted cigar in his mouth.

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MANCHESTER NEWS.

MR. MILBURY'S FUTURE TO TAKE PLACE THIS AFTERNOON.

Charge of Shooting a Cow Disproved—The Public Schools—General News.

The funeral of Mr. W. B. Milbury, who met with a horrible death Friday afternoon by being run over by the wheels of an engine tender, will take place from the West-End Methodist church at 3 o'clock.

The male members of the party will not doubt spend the remaining hours of the trip in smoking, talking, &c. The train is due in Washington at 3:30 A. M.

The MONEY PUT UP.

The sum of \$5,825 Paid the Agents of Libby Prison.

Mr. W. H. Gray yesterday paid the sum of the Howells & Rose, agents for the Libby Prison property, \$5,825, that being the amount of the purchase-money required as the cash payment. The proposed deed and the abstract of title have been examined by James Pleasant, Esq., as attorney for the purchaser, and found to be all right.

Mr. Gray and Mr. Howells expect to spend the day resting from their labors at Old Point.

Mr. Gray hopes to get possession of the corner building by May the 20th, and will then at once proceed to take it down and ship it to Chicago. If he needs the payments as they become due he is entitled to have full possession by July the 1st, by which time all the company's machinery can be removed elsewhere.

Mr. Gray has evidently had some little fear that he would be interfered with in his enterprise, for he had yesterday that he had visited Mary Carrington at the latter's home and received assurances from him that no molestation at all would be made.

Mr. Gray is of the opinion that he is likely to lose a great deal of money in the building as it is being taken down, and he is determined to guard against it while it is being razed and while it is en route to Chicago.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Mrs. Willie Allen has returned from Savannah.

Miss Mollie H. Little is visiting relatives in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Taylor Fisher has returned from a voyage to South America.

Miss Barkdale, of Danville, is visiting Miss Elise Cook, 100 South Third.

What has become of the bill in the Legislature to widen Bank street?

Miss McIntosh, of Maryland, is the guest of Mrs. Joseph B. Anderson.

Governor Lee is expected to Washington to attend Mr. Corcoran's funeral.

Miss Rose Gordon, of Baltimore, has been visiting friends here during the past week.

The Misses Stavro, of Atlantic City, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Christian, 516 North Ninth.

Miss Maggie Sheppard, of Fredericksburg, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Tabb, Franklin street.

Miss Lillie Staples, who has been visiting Miss Minor, 3 West Grace, went to Alexandria Thursday.

Miss Ellen Harris, of Louisville, who has been the guest of Miss Harris, her aunt, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Massie, of South Boston, (formerly Miss Lulu Stover, of Richmond,) who has been visiting friends in this city, returned home last week.

Miss Kittie Cook, daughter of B. C. Cook, Esq., formerly of this city but now of Africa, Kan., is visiting Miss Laura Atkinson, of West Marshall.

In the City Circuit Court yesterday the case of Garmovay's administrator vs. The Western Granite Company was called and continued until the next term.

The February No. of Captain Dick Frayer's Mercantile and Manufacturing Journal is crowded with able articles on the industries and progress of Richmond.

Lemon services have been well attended during the past week. The weather has been in the main beautiful, and mornings and afternoons the churches have been crowded.

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FINANCIAL.

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The closing was dull but heavy, and the market was generally lower. The closing prices of the principal stocks were: Union Pacific, 100; Northern Pacific, 100; Great Northern, 100; St. Paul, 100; Chicago & North Western, 100; Illinois Central, 100; Rock Island, 100; Missouri Pacific, 100; Santa Fe, 100; Texas Pacific, 100; Denver & Rio Grande, 100; Colorado Fuel & Iron, 100; American Sugar, 100; American Tobacco, 100; American Cotton, 100; American Petroleum, 100; American Rags, 100; American Tar, 100; American Peasants, 100.

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